

ABSOLUTE RATING: Average
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Unsatisfactory

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 31. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Average	Unsatisfactory
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	59.1	52.7	50.8	57.6	61.7	62.1
• Passed 2 subtests	17.7	18.9	23.0	21.0	19.1	19.3
• Passed 1 subtest	17.7	16.9	13.7	13.0	12.2	11.4
• Passed no subtests	5.5	11.5	12.6	8.4	6.9	7.2

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	6.2%	14.6%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	6.2%	15.2%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	35.8%	41.3%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	94.5%	6.2%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	100.0%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	94.3%	6.6%	
Gender			
Male	90.8%	4.5%	
Female	97.4%	7.4%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	93.8%	5.2%	
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	
White	100.0%	25.0%	
Other	100.0%	0.0%	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	90.6%	0.0%	
Pay for lunch	95.2%	12.5%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	63.7%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	59.8%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$6,576	N/A	\$5,767	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	88.5%	Down from 89.5%	89.5%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	27.2 to 1	N/A	24.0 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=881)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	40.0%	N/A	30.0%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	94.8%	Down from 95.5%	94.9%	95.3%
• Retention rate	10.6%	Down from 14.2%	11.1%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=56)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.4 Days	Up from 7.0	7.5 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	95.0%	Down from 95.1%	95.7%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	51.8%	Down from 60.0%	44.8%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	66.1%	Down from 79.6%	81.8%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	3.6%	Up from 0.0%	3.8%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	80.5%	Up from 77.6%	84.8%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$39,468	Up 6.4%	\$37,145	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	2.7%	Up from 1.8%	3.6%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	57.4%	N/A	56.0%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	2.0	N/A	4.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	34.8%	N/A	67.7%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Good	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	12.4%	Down from 15.8%	10.8%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	35	N/A	33	29
• Gifted and talented	10.6%	Up from 9.3%	6.3%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	8.5%	Down from 9.9%	12.3%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	9.9%	N/A	8.7%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	527	N/A	372	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	19.9%	N/A	28.4%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Columbia High School is a comprehensive high school in Richland County School District One. The school serves 850 students in grades 9-12 and offers a wide array of courses and co-curricular activities. The school is accredited by the State Department of Education, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the College Board.

The school made significant progress during the 2000-01 school year. Our SAT scores continue to rise. Several students placed in the State Skills USA VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) contest. Another student was accepted into the Governor's School for the Arts. One student won the title of 2001 Youth of the Year of the Midlands of South Carolina, and the CHS AFJROTC was presented the Superintendent's Trophy.

Our instructional program was enhanced through the implementation of a staff development model referred to as SiP (Standards in Practice) and the development of a Freshmen Academy. The Academy is designed to ease ninth-grade students' transition to high school. Also, several teachers applied for National Board Certification. Further, in the area of parental involvement, our PTSO was able to offer three scholarships this year.

Challenges faced by our school include a significant number of students scoring below standard on the reading and math portions of the South Carolina Exit Exam. Modifications to the current bell/instructional schedule will be made to further address the learning needs of our students. Parental participation also is needed, especially in the areas of support for School Improvement Council Meetings and PTSO involvement.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	68.5	63.4	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	83.0	77.2	
Satisfied with home-school relations	55.8	86.3	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 881 Students

Principal

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Below Average



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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